

# Kamassian language

**Kamassian** is an extinct Samoyedic language, included by convention in the Southern group together with Mator and Selkup (although this does not constitute an actual subfamily). It had two dialects: Kamassian (also known as Kamas) and Koibal. The last native speaker of the Kamassian dialect, Klavdiya Plotnikova, died in 1989. Kamassian was spoken in Russia, north of the Sayan Mountains, by Kamasins.

The term *Koibal* is also used as the ethnonym for the Kamas people who shifted to the Turkic Khakas language; the modern Koibal people are mixed Samoyed–Khakas–Yeniseian.

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## External links

- Kamassian-English glossary (<https://web.archive.org/web/20121001005330/http://www.reocities.com/Vienna/3259/kamassian-eng.html>)
- Kamassian-Russian dictionary (~300 words) (<http://kamass.efenstor.net>)
- M. Alexander Castrén's extensive book on the Samoyed grammar, including Kamassian (in German) (<https://archive.org/details/malexandercastr02schigoog>)

Kamassian	
калмажи шәкә	
Native to	Russia
Ethnicity	Kamasins
Extinct	1989, with the death of Klavdiya Plotnikova
Language family	Uralic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Samoyedic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(core)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kamas–Selkup<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Kamassian</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: <div></div> <div>xas – Kamassian &amp; Koibal</div> <div>zkb – Koibal</div>
Linguist List	zkb ( <a href="http://multitree.org/codes/zkb">http://multitree.org/codes/zkb</a> )
Glottolog	kama1351 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/kama1351">http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/kama1351</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>

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